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Subject: water test

Hello Jim.

I recently signed for a certified mail copy of the water test on my well at Wilmington performed on behalf of Olin by MACTEC. The report indicated potable water. It did list a calcium value of 62 for which no standards exist.

Query: Will my water be peer tested and, if so, when?

Reason: As I have said, testing of my water back in the late 80's -early 90's. or thereabouts, revealed dangerous quantities of heavy metals and VOC's. I wasn't aware that any remediation had been done. Thus, I wonder where the heavy metals and VOC's have gone?

Based on Olin's less than credible track record, how can I know that my water is safe to drink? If remediation was done, how so and when? If not, where did the offending compounds go? As I recall in addition to VOC's, there was in issue of MTBE and, as earlier stated, heavy metals of which I am reasonably certain chromium was among the offenders. Since there is allegedly a "plume" sitting below and near my home, such "plume" was, as I understood it, sitting on a top of bow-shaped bedrock, where did it go? The plume contained a witch's brew of dangerous chemicals.

It appears that only a limited number of chemicals are now on the list to be tested by MACTEC, seven to be precise. What has happened to the old testing schedule which was long enough to go to a second page? What has happened to these other chemicals formerly subject to testing? Did they all go away? And, if so, how so, particularly where I believe the limit of relevant activity at OLIN has been in the areas of containment and identification? That is, no



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remediation to date.

It may well be true that the present reporting schedule has been done accurately. However, that is moot with regard to what I believed was a long list of offensive chemicals that appear to be not subject to testing at all. If I am correct, the present results are disingenuous, misleading, and inconsistent with regard to the stated objectives of analysis and monitoring with a goal of remediation to a level where the water is truly safe to consume.

The present testing regimen appears to willfully omit quite a few chemicals that were once present. Absent a credible explanation for why such chemicals are no longer subject to analysis, I am lead to believe that the list has been fraudulently truncated.

If I am correct, well users affected by the OLIN situation need to be provided with drinking water. There a number of site specific remedies that, as appropriate, need to be implemented and funded by Olin.

Please let me know your thoughts in this regard.

Thank you,

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